By far the most sacred and. the sweetest relationship
declared as eternally subsisting between God and man is
that of Father and Son. We call God Father, because, He
embodies in Himself the perfection of paternal attributes,
the concentration of paternal wisdom "and watchfulness.
And this relationship is one ordained by God Himself. It
was n,ot man's invention but was God's own inspiration
when the human intellect conceived, the human heart felt
and the human-tongue uttered the sacred expression [f<] *Parama Pitha,*[3]' "Supreme Father/' In, numberless ways, througn
untold suggestions and expressions unto every sense and
every power of man, He brings home to us again and again
the saving truth, the transporting truth that He is the Prime
Parent of all. In His family the orphan is unknown. In
His household, the parentless has no place. He is verily
and convincingly the Parent of one and all. Not merely.
unto those to whom the good things of life have been abun-
dantly given, but even unto those who seem condemned
to life-long suffering and sorrow, He is the fostering Parent.
Every object He has created. He cherishes with His parti-

cular and most loving providence and
manifests Himself to
each according to its needs.
Through all seasons and times, amid
alternating nigh-t
and light, descending showers and
answering harvests,
the ceaseless flow of streams and rivers, the
cool breezes
that infuse life into the drooping frame, the
shining stars,—
the eternal witnesses of God's watch and
protection—every
possession and every association of life,
whether in the
seclusion of the family or in the-bracing
brotherhood of work
and exercise, always and everywhere, we
are impressed with
the gladdening experience of His personal
and individual,
intimate and immediate relationship -with
each one of us as
our own dear and fostering parent. Through
every pore
of the human frame, with every beat. of the
human heart,